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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT : B Camera IRAN Cycle on SAC U-2's

REFERENCE : a. Memo from DAD/OSA to DD/R, Dated 8 April 1963; Same Subject [redacted]
b. Memo from D/NRO to D/NRO Program B, Dated 26 April 1963; Subject: "B Camera IRAN Cycle" [redacted]

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1. With reference to your question about the possibility that I may have led you astray by the content of Reference a., on careful rereading of both references I believe I see where a potential misunderstanding took place. In paragraph 1 of my memorandum, I stated that "SAC has decided to change the IRAN cycle on their B cameras". As a matter of fact, this statement was erroneous because of the word "change". Colonel Freas at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in discussions with [redacted] apparently indicated that SAC was decided to "stick with" their 200,000 cycle IRAN schedule despite the camera difficulties of last winter when we acted to reduce our cycle to the 100,000 unit figure. Dr. McMillian's letter, of course, makes this discrepancy on my part apparent, and I am sorry if the manner in which I presented the information to you let you to any embarrassment with D/NRO.

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2. I still feel that we are well advised to stick with the 100,000 IRAN schedule, but if SAC experience as set forth in the D/NRO's letter continues to show no sign of weakness, it would be difficult for us to convince SAC of the wisdom of our selection of the shorter cycle. This is something which only time will tell.

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